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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was mostly fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand covered the full range with optimism for first of the month and weekend. supplies of all sizes were in balance to short of full trade needs. Floor stocks were mixed. Processing schedules resumed today with most plants down yesterday for New Years. In the parts structure, movement was at least moderate to good for mid-week trading. Breast items and wings were well balanced to tight. Dark meat was sufficient to close balanced, at times tight for boneless skinless cuts. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights. The Composite Weighted Average price for 12/31/07 was 74.60 compared to 72.35 a week earlier, and 68.06 a year ago.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to 76.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 70.50 cents last year on January 3, 2007.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading:

	DOCK PRICE
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDER	S 161.50
BREASTS - B/S	134.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	76.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	118.00
LEG QUARTERS	42.00
WINGS	112.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand into retail channels was mostly fair to moderate, best where first of the month business, retail ads, and fast food promotions were active. Supplies were in balance to short of full trade needs as plants resumed schedules following yesterday's holiday. In the parts structure, movement was fair to active for midweek trading. Wings were close to tight, breast items were sufficient to well cleared, and dark meat was adequate to close balanced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderately good to good following the New Year's Day holiday. Offerings of most sizes were in good balance to instances short. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to mostly firm. In the parts complex, breasts items and tenders were adequate to well cleared; drumsticks, wings and thighs were about adequate to tight. Other cuts were usually sufficient for immediate requirements.

<u>MIDWEST REGION</u> Whole broiler/fryer market tone was fully steady to firm. Offers from processors were limited for the fairly active buyer's needs. Retail and food service demand ranged from light to instances good with increased activity for the weekend and first of the month. Floor stocks were mixed, short to instances long. Sizes were mostly desirable. Supplies of boneless dark meat tight, close to barely adequate on boneless skinless breast and wings with the balance of parts items adequate to barely adequate. The trade sentiment was steady to firm all parts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone on whole fryers was fully steady to firm. Additional offerings were limited. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate with additional interest anticipated for the weekend. Sizes desirable. Floor stocks in close balance to adequate. Supplies of boneless skinless breasts and wings barely adequate to tight with the balance of parts items in close balance. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm on tenders and wings, steady to fully steady on boneless skinless breast, balance of parts fully steady.

BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 220 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 29, 2007. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 5 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 29, 2007. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through December 29, 2007 were 9.14 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

PERCENT CHANGE 2007 2006 PREVIOUS YEAR

WEEK ENDING 01/29/07 2007 2006 PREVIOUS EGGS SET 219,528 211,375 +04 CHICKS PLACED 176,434 168,485 +05

Source: NASS, USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 09-Feb-08 is estimated at 163.8 million head. This compares to 165.2 million head the previous week and to 160.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 159.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 73.08 cents per pound.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

	POUNDS			WTD
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	MAJORITY	<u>AVG</u>
BREAST - B/S	630	114.00-197.00	-	124.53
TENDERLOINS	146	109.00-132.00	-	114.04
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	288	54.00-67.00	-	58.67
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	467	36.00-42.00	37-38	38.55
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	792	37.00-45.00	40-41	40.64
WINGS (WHOLE)	253	102.00-115.00	108-110	110.33
WINGS (CUT)	101	117.00-123.00	-	120.92
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
46.00 - 52.50	49.61	48.92

The index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

<u>NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS</u> - Trucklot buying interest was at least moderate to good as dealers continued to assess market conditions following the New Year's Day holiday. Offerings of breast items, drums and wings were well cleared to tight; other dark meat cuts were about adequate to adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, drums and thighs; at least steady to fully steady for the balance of items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
<u>ITEM</u>	TRADING*	<u>AVG</u>	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135	125.25	568,040
TENDERLOINS	115	114.55	124,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	76.64	76,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	69	69.67	81,000
LEGS	60-61	63.42	81,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	42.19	199,640
DRUMSTICKS	51-52	58.06	64,280
THIGHS	55-56	60.90	56,160
B/S THIGHS	116-117	117.41	32,120
WINGS (WHOLE)	114-115	116.71	145,480
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.79	31,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	35.94	6,800
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	58.16	28,920

INCLUDES NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M. ** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

	FOT		4.0		41/0	W.T.O.	4071141	AVG
	ESII	<u>MATED</u>	AC	<u>TUAL</u>	AVG	<u>w15</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>WTS</u>
	(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)	
	01/02	01/01	12/31	12/28	12/31	12/28	12/26	12/24
Alabama	4,108	(A)	3,635	5,861	5.59	5.50	3,373	5.29
Arkansas	5,095	Holiday	3,438	5,980	5.11	5.44	5,071	4.60
Delmarva	2,268	Holiday	1,325	3,316	6.07	5.74	2,053	6.03
KY-LA-TN	2,399	(A)	2,075	3,394	5.38	5.36	2,262	4.02
Mississippi	3,115	Holiday	2,891	4,591	5.64	5.98	2,798	4.28
North Carolina	2,851	(A)	2,257	4,240	6.87	7.04	2,579	7.56
Texas	2,584	(A)	2,564	2,960	5.25	5.18	2,585	5.25
Total	22,420	1,251	18,185	30,342	5.63	5.76	20,721	5.75
Mon-Wed	41,943	(B)					27,970 (E	3)

- (A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations
- (B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Jan-08 is estimated to be 33,543,000 head up 7.88 percent from a week ago and up 2.24 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,094,000, last year 32,807,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	94-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	67-78
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	126
	DRY PACK	112
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	130
	DRY PACK	109
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	109
	DRY PACK	105
DUCKS		204-207

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER	
UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 05-Jan-08	MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY Cents per pound for the week ending December 28, 2007
CURRENT WEEK PREVIOUS WEEK 01/05/08 (1) 12/29/07	Cents per pound for the week ending December 26, 2007
Class Thousand head	Whole Legs Necks, Backs Livers
Broiler/fryer 136,470(2) 120,576	Chickens Breasts W/Thighs & Wings Gizzards Hens
Light hens 1,072 827	
Heavy hens 1,088 977	RAYON
Total 138,630 122,380	Low 72.93 158.36 104.18 16.67 10.42 75.0 High 77.10 162.52 112.52 20.84 14.59 75.0
(1)ESTIMATED	High 77.10 162.52 112.52 20.84 14.59 75.0 Mostly 75.01 158.36 108.35 18.75 12.50 75.0
2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 05-Jan-08 is 157.0 million head compared to 135.9	10.70 12.00 10.00
million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated	SAN JUAN
U.S. slaughter this week is 136.7 million head or 20.3 million less	Low 75.01 162.52 108.35 16.67 12.50 70.8
than estimated available. For the week of 12-Jan-08 the estimated	High 79.18 166.69 116.68 20.84 16.67 70.8
available is 163.5 million head.	Mostly 75.01 162.52 112.52 18.75 14.59 70.8
WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS	NEW SAN JUAN
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)	Low 70.84 154.19 112.52 20.84 12.50 75.0
PROCESSED TURKEY PROCESSED POULTRY	High 79.18 162.52 116.68 25.00 20.84 75.0
LBS LBS	Mostly 75.01 158.36 112.52 22.92 16.67 75.0
AM 12/31/07 41,203 82,636 AM 12/01/07 37,974 89,689	DECEDRA
AM 12/01/07 37,974 89,689 CHG 3,229 -7,053	BECERRA Low 75.01 158.36 112.52 20.84 12.50 75.0
PCT CHG 9 -8	High 83.35 170.86 116.68 25.00 20.84 75.0
COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)	Mostly 75.01 166.69 112.52 25.00 16.67 75.0
PROCESSED TURKEYS PROCESSED POULTRY	
01/01/08 12/25/07 01/01/07 01/01/08 12/25/07 01/01/07	
PACIFIC PACIFI	
COAST 3,096 3,207 1,683 7,031 7,982 8,659	DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds wa
LOS ANGELES 133 120 180 905 1,636 2,278	seasonal and fairly moderate overall. Seller offerings wer
CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS	closely balanced to tight for immediate trade needs. Liv
READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO	supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable Processing schedules were very light on Monday as severe
FIRST RECEIVERS,U.S.GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE,	plants closed for the holiday, but today's schedules wer
5LBSAND UP, FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 31, 2007	moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cer
RANGE	higher at 72 to 86 cents. The market tone was fully steady t
HENS ICE PACKED(12 PER BOX) 73-81	firm. In the parts complex, breast items and wings were we
VACUUM PACKED(6-9 PER BOX) 71-94	cleared to tight. Most dark meat items were adequate to close balanced.
HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 01/02/08	balanoca.
AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY	BRANDED
LOW HIGH AVG LOW HIGH AV	
HEAVY FOWL lb HEAVY FOWL ea LIGHT FOWL lb LIGHT FOWL ea	- RANGE 66-87
MIXED FOWL lb MIXED FOWL ea	- WEIGHTED AVERAGE (A) - NO. OF BOXES (A)
BANTAMS lb BANTAMS ea	- (7)
BROILERS lb BROILERS ea	- (A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.
ROASTERS lb ROASTERS ea	-
FRYERS lb FRYERS ea	-
CHICKS lb CHICKS ea PULLETS lb PULLETS ea	USDA, AMS, POULTRY PROGRAMS,
BUNNIES Ib BUNNIES ea. 1.75 2.00	POULTRY MARKET NEWS & ANALYSIS BRANCH OFFICE
ROOSTERS lb. 1.70 1.95 1.85 ROOSTERS ea	- Washington, DC Voice (202)720-6911 Michael Sheats
GEESE lb GEESE ea	Fax (202)720-2403 (Chief)
TURKEYS lb TURKEYS ea	Atlanta, GA Voice (404)562-5850 Johnny Freeman
DUCKS lb DUCKS ea	- Fax (404)562-5875 (Officer-In-Charge - Jackson, MS Voice (601)965-4662 Gary Brown
RABBITS lb 1.50 - RABBITS ea PIGEONS lb PIGEONS ea 3.25	Example 2 - Gold (601)359-1175 (Southern States
GUINEA FOWL Ib GUINEA FOWL ea	- Area Supervisor)
DUCKLINGS Ib DUCKLINGS ea	Des Moines, IA Voice (515)284-4471 Mary L. Adkins
GUINEA KEETS ea CALL DUCKS ea	Fax (515)284-4468 (Officer-InCharge
SILKIES ea GOSLINGS ea	Recorded (515)284-4545 Long Beach, CA Voice (562)388-7337 Nettie Andry
GUINEA PIGS ea TURKEY POULTS ea	Fax (562)432-8295
CHUKARS ea TOTAL COOPS 24	Recorded (213)534-1335
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